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DAY ONE

Isn't it amazing how in our world we hear what we want to hear? I remember when my children were young and they would hear my wife and me whispering about something. Somehow, they would hear every word of our whisper, but five minutes later, they couldn't hear a raised voice that was calling them to obedience.

This is something that most of us have experienced. We hear things we are not supposed to, but our hearing becomes selective when the issue is something we're not interested in. Listening to the wrong voice because it is saying what we want to hear is not a good thing. Yet it happens, everyday.

What are we listening to? It's easy to justify certain bands that we load onto our iPods because we like the way they sound. Sometimes the message is far from appropriate, but we listen anyway with the thought that it won't have any impact on us. WRONG!

The times I've fasted from media, I've been overwhelmed at how the Lord revealed to me that what I'd been taking in was dragging me down. What you listen to has a similar impact on your life!

God's Word says "*He who belongs to God hears what God says*" *John 8:47*. Could it be that you are not hearing His voice because you are allowing too many of the worlds influences to dominate your life?

Perhaps it is time to lay down the things of the world and listen to His call in your life.